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METHOD OF PERMITTING GROUP ACCESS TO ELECTRONICALLY STORED IMAGES AND TRANSACTION CARD USED IN THE METHOD

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first office action, please amend the original specification relating to the application of US Serial No. 09/470,814, filed December 22, 1999, as follows:

## In the Claims

Please add new claims 33-39 as set forth below.

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33. A method of accessing a collection of digital images, comprising

the steps of:

- a) registering an event with a network photo service provider,
- b) assigning an event specific URL to the registered event;
- c) transferring a set of digital images to the event specific URL;
- d) providing to a plurality of users access to the event specific URL;

and

e) employing the event specific URL to access the images.

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